Reply to letters received from MPs

†1752. PROF.ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the guidelines of provisions made in proceeding of replying the letters of the Members of Parliament, the action against the employees of the State Government is not taken;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government are taking so that employees of the State Governments may be covered under these provisions resulting in quick reply of the letters of the Members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The procedures for handling letters received form the Members of Parliament are laid down in Paras 63, 66 and 127 of the 12th edition of Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP). The guidelines contained in the Manual are applicable to the Ministries/Departments of Government of India only. The provisions relating to replies to the letters from the Members of Parliament have, however, been circulated to the State Governments from time to time with the request that they may formulate and issue appropriate guidelines/instructions.

Stagnation in the cadre of UDCs in reserved category

1753. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a heavy stagnation in the cadre of UDCs as many personnel have not got the promotion since 5 years in the reserved category like SCs/STs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of posts filled during the last ten years in the category of non-gazetted personnel in SCs/STs;

(d) the number of posts still vacant for SCs/STs;

(e) the reasons for not filling up the posts even though lying vacant; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.